

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1952.

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POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st March, 1952 was estimated to be 596,509, comprising 307,588 Males and 288,921 Females.

The estimated population of the Metropolitan Area at the 31st December, 1951 was 317,000.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

		<u>JULY.</u>		<u>7 Months ended</u> <u>JULY.</u>	
		<u>1952</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1951</u>
Marriages	Number.	355	355	3,243	3,241
	*Rate per 1000 of Population.	6.98	7.18	9.34	9.65
Births	Number.	1,286	1,244	8,985	8,735
	*Rate per 1000 of Population.	25.27	25.16	25.88	26.01
Deaths	Number.	487	514	2,899	3,015
	*Rate per 1000 of Population.	9.57	10.40	8.35	8.98
Infant Mortality	Number.	39	31	245	268
	*Rate per 1000 Live Births.	30.33	24.92	27.27	30.68
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>					
Tuberculosis.		5	2	49	50
Cancer.		63	60	383	405
Influenza.		1	4	9	7
Diphtheria.		1	1	1	9
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.		64	57	343	326
Arteriosclerosis.		17	30	96	116
Diseases of the Heart.		158	193	888	958
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia.		14	18	91	108
Diarrhoea and Enteritis.		7	3	28	48
Nephritis.		3	9	44	46
Diseases of Early Infancy.		18	22	151	166
Senility.		4	3	16	12
Accidents.		36	32	235	234
All Other Causes.		96	80	565	530
Total.		487	514	2,899	3,015

\* Equivalent Annual Rate.

\* Deaths under one year.

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LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the eight months ended August, 1952 totalled 789,421 acres, a decrease of 90,349 acres on the corresponding period last ~~YEAR~~ Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 2,603,723 acres, a decrease of 346,522.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of AUGUST.		2 Months ended AUGUST.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue.	2,413,404	2,842,354	5,011,658	5,176,129
Revenue per Head of Population.	£4. 0. 2	£4. 17. 5	£8. 6. 8	£8. 17. 7
Expenditure.	2,854,408	2,846,566	5,985,390	5,273,212
Expenditure per Head of Population.	£4.14. 9	£4. 17. 7	£9. 19. 0	£9. 1. 0

SAVINGS BANKS.

Depositors' Balances on the 31st August, 1952 amounted to £48,006,115 or £79. 12. 3d. per head of population as against £45,539,577 or £77. 19. 2d. per head as at the 31st August last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearance for the 4 weeks ended 24th September, 1952 amounted to £9,083,884 compared with £9,728,232 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds.		AUGUST.		2 Months ended AUGUST.	
		1952	1951	1952	1951
Transfers.	No.	1,541	2,444	3,273	4,682
	£.	1,769,464	3,549,664	3,713,479	6,693,089
Mortgages.	No.	1,096	1,611	2,415	3,032
	£.	1,892,701	2,683,479	3,840,443	4,508,967
Discharges of Mortgages.	No.	844	1,088	1,841	2,051

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT

GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED.

Period of Receipt of Returns.	Taxable Goods.		Sales of Exempt Goods.	Tax Collected.
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable. (Gross).	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable. (Gross).		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Two months ended AUGUST, 1951.	5,555,706	4,692,101	13,370,208	606,410
Two months ended AUGUST, 1952.	5,150,681	4,179,784	13,194,843	854,090
Month of AUGUST, 1951.	3,114,898	2,355,942	7,711,970	321,128
Month of AUGUST, 1952.	2,026,189	2,041,838	5,883,085	365,767

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FOR THE YEAR 1909

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COMPANIES REGISTERED.

16 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £1,007,000, and 11 Foreign Companies were registered during the two months ended August, 1952. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 20 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £972,000, and 15 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	Two Months ended AUGUST.					
	1952			1951		
	No.	Liabilities.	Assets.	No.	Liabilities.	Assets.
		£.	£.		£.	£.
Sequestration Orders.	7	18,387	7,467	4	5,933	466
Deeds of Assignment.(a)	7	24,320	18,890	3	4,914	3,702
Deeds of Arrangement.	-	-	-	1	1,978	1,015

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

	JULY.		12 Months ended JUNE.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
Gross Earnings.(a) * £.	422,500	810,000	9,163,532	7,196,214
Working Expenses.(a) £.	797,051	836,471	10,601,917	8,618,863
Train Miles Run. No.	212,416	603,597	6,801,622	7,135,668
Motor Bus Miles Run. No.	(b) 147,845	(b) 137,261	2,016,070	1,807,855
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train. No.	179,070	867,632	10,536,195	11,542,778
Motor Bus. No.	50,599	47,603	585,583	551,969
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods.	122,531	265,624	2,934,894	2,892,784
Livestock.	7,822	8,632	127,747	140,429
Departmental.				
(Free Freight).	39,597	73,583	885,493	896,243
Total.	169,950	347,839	3,948,134	3,929,456
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>				
Paying Goods.	15,476,455	42,828,967	452,841,079	442,772,795
Livestock.	1,096,713	1,147,361	16,906,482	17,200,476
Departmental.				
(Free Freight).	4,238,437	8,120,777	96,334,244	103,375,817
Total.	20,811,605	52,097,105	566,081,805	563,349,088

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 26th July.

\* Figures liable to revision.





MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES).

	METROPOLITAN AREA.				ENTIRE STATE.			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1950	4,664	1,901	86	1,214	9,325	5,660	150	2,390
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,914	5,730	101	3,192
1952 -								
January.	290	148	1	140	602	398	3	237
February.	378	175	3	143	774	469	9	231
March.	407	228	4	156	881	611	11	261
April.	512	241	5	120	949	568	7	177
May.	390	186	8	65	769	494	13	115
June.	238	129	16	68	501	388	18	115
July.	293	156	7	79	542	437	8	151

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS).\*

Date (as at end of Month).	METROPOLITAN AREA.				ENTIRE STATE.			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1950 - June.	28,529	12,530	443	7,707	48,485	41,688	826	12,890
1951 - June.	32,966	14,461	499	8,876	56,109	46,150	950	14,521
1952 -								
January.	35,934	15,770	498	9,834	59,073	46,524	915	14,934
February.	36,069	15,824	501	9,867	60,178	48,141	950	15,357
March.	36,377	15,964	507	9,907	60,967	48,676	963	15,507
April.	36,863	16,133	507	9,953	62,146	49,462	962	15,796
May.	37,050	16,210	509	9,894	62,999	50,354	973	15,902
June.	37,873	16,368	522	9,952	64,180	50,897	988	16,041
July.	38,683	16,721	522	10,110	61,875 *	46,342 *	979 *	14,209

\* Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles which comprised for July, 1952:-

97 Cars; 746 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 11 Buses and 6 Motor Cycles.

\* Incomplete due to the lag in renewal of country registrations all of which expired on 30th June, 1952.

TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA).

Trade of Western Australia, July, 1952 and 1951, and twelve months ended June, 1952 and 1951, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

	IMPORTS.				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores).			
	JULY.		12 Months ended JUNE.		JULY.		12 Months ended JUNE.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951
	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Oversea.	4,087	2,242	60,237	40,258	6,320	6,789	79,551	102,197
Interstate.	5,504	5,581	62,104	47,914	1,763	1,022	18,142	9,661
Total.	9,591	7,823	122,341	88,172	8,083	7,811	97,693	111,858





BUILDING ACTIVITY.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period.	Dwellings.				Factories.		Other.		Total.	
	Owner-Built.		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1952 -										
March Qr.	586	1,103	898	1,779	14	185	121	399	1,619	3,466
June Qr.	737	1,296	1,175	2,458	9	103	128	428	2,049	4,285

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations, and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

Period.	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls.									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood.		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement.		Other Material.		Total.	
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1952 -										
March Qr.	559	1,374	113	171	769	1,255	36	70	1,477	2,870
June Qr.	732	1,858	138	245	986	1,542	43	87	1,899	3,732

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

1,646,623 lbs. were produced during August, 1952, and 3,106,136 lbs. for the two months ended August, 1952, as against 1,805,443 and 3,403,739 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods for 1951.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	AUGUST.		8 Months ended AUGUST.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951.
Quantity ..... Fine Ozs.	60,112	51,495	477,212	421,167
Value (Aust. Currency)* £.	931,231	797,743	7,392,852	6,524,590

\* Excludes premium on gold sold for industrial purposes.

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the eight months ended August, 1952 amounted to £477,525. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1951 amounted to £502,222.

MINING ACTIVITIES  
(1) NEW MILLING CAPACITY

Period	Owner- Built	By Contractor, etc. (a)	Investments	Other	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value
Year 1950	1	1	1	1	1
Year 1951	1	1	1	1	1
Year 1952	1	1	1	1	1
Year 1953	1	1	1	1	1
Year 1954	1	1	1	1	1
Year 1955	1	1	1	1	1
Year 1956	1	1	1	1	1
Year 1957	1	1	1	1	1
Year 1958	1	1	1	1	1
Year 1959	1	1	1	1	1
Year 1960	1	1	1	1	1

Investments reported by owner as well as private contractors  
and includes shop buildings, plants and other non-  
mining equipment (2) non-mining.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION  
(Including Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Owner- Built	By Contractor, etc. (a)	Investments	Other	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value
Year 1950	1	1	1	1	1
Year 1951	1	1	1	1	1
Year 1952	1	1	1	1	1
Year 1953	1	1	1	1	1
Year 1954	1	1	1	1	1
Year 1955	1	1	1	1	1
Year 1956	1	1	1	1	1
Year 1957	1	1	1	1	1
Year 1958	1	1	1	1	1
Year 1959	1	1	1	1	1
Year 1960	1	1	1	1	1

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES

1950-51 was produced during August, 1952, and 3,106,135 lbs.  
for the 8 months ended August, 1952, against 1,902,445 and  
1,902,445 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods for 1951.

GOLD PRODUCTION

Period	August	1951	1952	1953
Quantity	60,112	51,432	47,412	42,121
Value (Local Currency)	92,231	72,742	7,192,882	6,524,550

Excludes premium on gold sold for industrial purposes.

Statistics reported by Gold Mining Corporation for the eight months  
ended August 1952 amounted to 467,522. Dividends reported for  
the corresponding period of 1951 amounted to 45,622.



RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

	Food and Groceries.				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series).			
	JUNE QUARTER.		12 Months ended JUNE.		JUNE QUARTER.		12 Months ended JUNE.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951
Metropolitan Area.	2308	1904	2176	1754	2158	1827	2035	1673
Kalgoorlie-Boulder.	2512	2055	2344	1887	2251	1906	2122	1762
Northam.	2374	1938	2227	1771	2180	1842	2039	1687
Bunbury.	2356	1931	2221	1773	2178	1825	2055	1688
Geraldton.	2409	1972	2267	1803	2285	1921	2137	1760
Collie.	2379	1931	2227	1772	2070	1750	1952	1607

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic).

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month.	1951			1952		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
January.	123,741	40,324	164,065	127,021	40,611	167,632
February.	124,946	41,182	166,128	127,514	41,319	168,833
March.	125,210	41,480	166,690	127,866	41,367	169,233
April.	124,785	41,729	166,514	127,705	41,326	169,031
May.	124,715	41,642	166,357	127,534	41,110	168,644
June.	125,284	41,564	166,848	126,901	40,564	167,465
July.	125,649	41,445	167,094	126,415	40,408	166,823
August.	125,475	41,602	167,077			
September.	125,366	41,474	166,840			
October.	125,843	41,405	167,248			
November.	126,646	41,467	168,113			
December.	126,667	41,743	168,410			

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

	FACTORIES. (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100)).					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1948	1949	1950	1951(a)	1952(a)	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952
January.	171	179	194	208	213	1233	1354	1410	1490	1540
February.	172	182	197	212	213	1249	1358	1387	1495	1536
March.	176	186	200	215	213	1264	1371	1415	1513	1522
April.	176	187	200	215	213	1264	1377	1415	1508	1517
May.	177	187	203	216	212	1277	1354	1418	1500	1512
June.	177	187	202	215	209	1277	1362	1429	1517	1495
July.	177	182	204	216	208	1301	1381	1423	1517	1497
August.	179	189	204	215		1294	1377	1419	1510	
September.	180	190	204	212		1302	1365	1428	1518	
October.	180	191	206	214		1318	1375	1431	1522	
November.	182	192	207	214		1349	1402	1450	1537	
December.	182	194	207	213		1385	1470	1531	1587	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1951 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.





STATE BASIC WAGE.

Date of Operation.	Metropolitan Area.		South-West Land Division.		Goldfields and Rest of State.	
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
28th July, 1952.	£. s. d. 11. 12. 3	£. s. d. 7. 11. 0	£. s. d. 11. 12. 5	£. s. d. 7. 11. 1	£. s. d. 11. 18. 0	£. s. d. 7. 14. 8

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations).

Particulars.	AUGUST.		2 Months ended AUGUST.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	28,731	27,906	59,728	55,526
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	25,342	24,371	52,646	48,737

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs.
August, 1952.	9,695	840	87,087	9,612
August, 1951.	17,264	454	48,119	9,483
8 Months ended August, 1952.	75,066	3,983	543,632	74,285
8 Months ended August, 1951.	86,708	2,728	345,139	71,221

# STATE BASIC DATA

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Collieries and Port of Spain	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
1951	11,100	7,100	11,100	7,100	11,100	7,100
1950	11,100	7,100	11,100	7,100	11,100	7,100

## WINDWARD SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA (Generated by W.A. Government Power Station)

Date of Operation	WINDWARD		S. Windward Area	
	1951	1950	1951	1950
1951	27,200	27,200	27,200	27,200
1950	27,200	27,200	27,200	27,200

## WINDWARD SUPPLY - WINDWARD AREA

Date of Operation	WINDWARD		S. Windward Area	
	1951	1950	1951	1950
1951	27,200	27,200	27,200	27,200
1950	27,200	27,200	27,200	27,200